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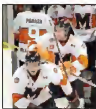
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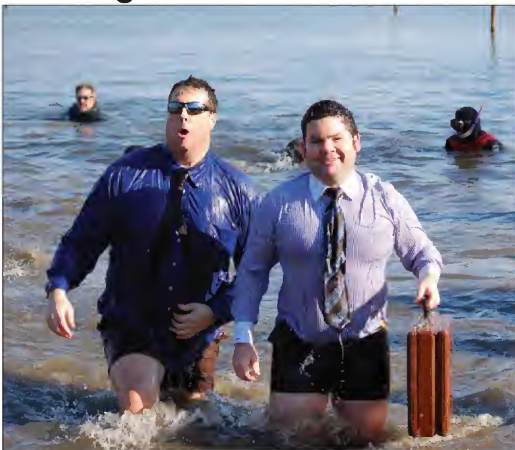
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Getting down to business



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Neil Thornton, left, and Dave Shaw took a break from the office last Saturday to participate in the annual Polar Bear Dip and Chili Cook-off at the Bertie Boat Club. Go to pages 3 and 4 for more coverage.

Still making waves

Councillors Hill and Lubberts want last look at Bay Beach site plan

Kris Dubé
The Times

The contentious Bay Beach issue wrapped up before the New Year with council approving the site plan agreement for the condo development in Crystal Beach.

This decision was a final step on council's behalf but at Monday's council-in-committee meeting, the project was discussed once again, for about 40 minutes.

During the new business portion of the meeting, the first in 2012, Ward 4 Coun. John Hill raised questions about a final site plan agreement and asked that council can give one final look at it before a shovel hits the ground on the south side of Erie Road.

"We have not seen a final site plan agreement," said Hill, who is concerned that the most recent documentation reviewed by council was only a draft plan.

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A historic cast



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Darka Makarec, Dan Bennett, John Johnston, Carson John, Andrew Martin, Katie Howard, mayor Doug Martin, John Dickhout, Andrea Morgan and Marcia Young after the opening night of the Lion and the Eagle, a historically-themed theatre production being performed as a kick-off to the War of 1812 bicentennial celebrations that will take over Niagara in June. The play runs every Saturday and Sunday during January. Tickets can be purchased at Benjamin Moore Paints on Garrison Road.

Site plans 'not coming to council for further approval' says Town's solicitor

From Page 1

In late November, councillors and staff met behind closed doors to review the plans. On Dec. 12, council voted in favour of the site plan agreement, after two revisions were suggested and approved.

Arcade columns and wrap around balconies that were to face the nearest property to the west were removed from the plans, at that meeting.

Director of legal services Heather Salter said nothing has changed since the decision made before the holiday break and that there is no further opportunity to revisit the matter.

"Council has approved the site plan agreement. That was the process we went through in December," she said.

"The process is complete," she added.

The only difference in the current plans compared to what was presented at the start of the meeting in

December, are the changes requested to remove the balconies and columns. Salter said the Molinaro Group has implemented those revisions into the project.

"They have agreed to accept those changes," she said.

Hill said the purpose of bringing this matter up during Monday's meeting was to thwart or frustrate the project, but to make sure due process has been followed.

"Given the sensitivity of this whole issue, certainly we as a council should see the final draft of the site plan agreement," he said.

Salter said the plans can be shown to council, but opening it back up in the minutes of a council meeting will not be taking place.

"It's not coming to council for further approval," she said.

Interim chief administrative officer Ron Tripp echoed some of Salter's comments, saying that opportunity for debate on the Bay Beach issue has passed and that the plans have been carefully

laid out.

"We've done everything to an exceptionally scrutinized extent," said Tripp, who then encouraged members of council to start the new year on a positive note.

"It's not my intention to stir up more negativity in the community or to cause problems for the development moving forward."

"It's not my intention to re-hatch this Bay Beach issue all over again," said Hill.

Mayor Doug Martin was visibly frustrated by the discussion, saying that members of council need to move on from this issue.

"We spent the whole year, basically re-negotiating a decided matter," said Martin.

"This is an executed agreement that has been signed, sealed and delivered."

Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts said he was in the process of awaiting an overall benefit permit from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and what impact it could have on the site plan, if the MNR recommends any further adjustments.

"The permit could change the site plan," said Lubberts, who also feels council should be given the chance to examine the final documents.

"We were never presented a final draft."

Director of community and development services Rick Brady re-iterated comments made by Salter earlier in the meeting, that the changes requested by council in December have been incorporated into the development.

"Not only have the Molinaros agreed to those changes, those changes have been implemented," said Brady.

He also explained that if the MNR does recommend adjustments, it can be done.

"The site plan agreement has clauses in it that allow us to make minor changes to the site plan," said Brady.

In the end, no recommendation was put on the table for a vote.

Council will be able to view the final plan but no further discussion will be added to any council agendas.



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Taking the plunge at annual Polar Bear Dip in Crystal Beach



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Sal Sidani, left, and Scott Baughn having a blast at the annual Polar Bear Dip last Saturday. Read the whole story on page 4.



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Pam McCarthy being served by Dennis Randall and his sister Sarah at the annual Polar Bear Dip and Chili Cook-off. The defending champs were beat in the tasting contest this year, by the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 230 and its recipe.



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Nelly Weaver and Laura Baptiste showing the crowd at last Saturday's Polar Bear Dip how brave they are.



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Dip draws about 75 brave participants into Lake Erie

Kris Dubé
The Times

Seasonably mild temperatures may have drawn in a larger crowd than normal at the annual Crystal Beach Polar Bear Dip and Chili Cook Off, but organizers were thrilled to see the large turnout.

About 75 'dippers' participated at the event, hosted by the Crystal Beach Business Improvement Association and held at the Bertie Boat Club on Point Abino Road.

"I feel really good about how quickly it has grown," said one of the event's co-ordinators Phil Smith.

Last year, about 50 brave souls took the plunge.

In its third year, a 41 degrees fahrenheit air temperature complimented with a water temperature of 34 degrees, made things a lot more comfortable for participants, compared to the more frigid setting over the last two runs.

"If you were going to do a polar bear dip, this was the year to do it," said Smith.

Non-perishable food items were collected at the

event, to benefit local food banks.

Dave Shaw and his friend Neil Thornton took the day off from work and sported dress shirts and ties while they took the plunge.

For Shaw, it was the first time he had ever done anything of this nature... but there were no regrets afterwards.

"It was definitely a rush, that's one way to describe it," said Shaw, who also carried a briefcase into the water with him.

Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero built up the courage for his second year in a row, participating in the dip.

Although last year, the air was a lot cooler and the ground was covered in snow, he said it was still pretty chilly this time around.

"It doesn't make the water any less cold," said Passero.

He even said that as he becomes more acquainted with the annual stunt, it's nothing like the initial dip.

"The first time is a lot easier because you don't know what to expect."



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More brave souls taking the plunge last Saturday, at the Bertie Boat Club.



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Despite mild temperatures compared to the last two polar bear dips, many participants still had quite a reaction to the cold water during last Saturday's event.

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our editorial

Be prepared on the road this winter

We've been blessed with unseasonably warm weather, but Mother Nature unleashed a full winter blast on Fort Erie yesterday.

With the snow finally here, it's important that drivers take the time to prepare for travelling in challenging weather conditions by making sure their vehicles are winter-ready with a maintenance check-up.

Checking to make sure all of those contraptions work on the family car can save a lot of drivers from having headaches later on. These essential items for winter driving include making sure the brakes, the heater and the wipers are all in good working order.

Although it can be expensive, it's a good idea to consider using snow tires because the provide better traction, braking and handling during frost, snow and slush. It's also very important to make sure old or damaged tires are replaced because they can be unsafe if driving in winter weather.

Any skilled driver knows it's important to stay alert, to slow down and to stay in control. That means driving the speed limit and lowering speed when the weather makes the roads unsafe. It's also important to keep a safe distance between you and the vehicle in front of you to avoid situations where you might have to suddenly break on an icy surface.

The easiest thing a driver can do in the winter to stay safe is to have a winter driving survival kit in the car. Having a few essential items such as an extra change of clothes, a blanket, a first aid kit, a flash light and a set of warming lets can help drivers in a hairy situation.

This winter season stay safe and take caution behind the wheel.

-Sarah Ferguson



Do You Remember?

Our thanks to Patti Howe, Joe Catalano and Kelly (McMenemy) Jones for identifying the two girls in last week's photo of the skiers. From left to right, Amanda Catalano and Michelle (Mimi) Howe. Kelly was in Grade

5 or 6 at Bertie Senior Elementary School when the class went on a field trip cross-country skiing in 1982. She thinks this photo may have been taken at Bridgewater Country Club.

This week's photo

shows an intriguing display featuring a matador and a bull.

If anyone knows anything about this photo, please call the Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail us at museum@forterie.on.ca.

Councillor's intent isn't to pick apart condo project, again



Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebook

It's starting to feel like I should show up to council meetings wearing sandals, while carrying a beach towel over my shoulder. I'd like to pack a cooler sometimes, but unfortunately

nately due to a recently established rule that food and drink is no longer permitted in the council chambers, I'm up a certain creek without a paddle on that one.

I mean this as a harmless joke and am not trying to stir up any negativity with two councillors who wanted a second look at site plans, for easily the most heated issue I have covered in my nearly five years at the Times.

That's why it could be considered important to have another look.

Admittedly, when I heard the first mention of by-law 26-10 on Monday night, I cringed and my body language at the press table showed that I was annoyed.

I have a short fuse, I guess could say. But after digesting the conversation, it's not really so bad.

John Hill has always

been opposed to the 12-storey condo project in Crystal Beach. Everyone knows that.

He can be quoted saying it's a "done deal" to many of his constituents at a public meeting he held in Ridgeway last year.

You have already read Hill being quoted in this week's front page story that him bringing up a last examination of site plans for the Bay Beach project, weren't inspired by some

hidden agenda.

I believe him wholeheartedly.

After members of Town staff explained it wasn't possible, Hill was satisfied.

We followed up later in the week, we talked about it some more and I still feel that way.

This was the issue that won his seat in the election, along with some of his other colleagues at the horseshoe.

I honestly believe Hill was not attempting to rip apart the entire project like it has been over the last few years.

It was just one last glance to make sure everything was good to go, for a lack of a better term.

Feel free to prove me right, or wrong.

If you would like to leave me feedback, email me at editorial@forterietimes.com or give me a call at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207.

opinion page

OMB hearing important for people who care about health and safety

Dear Editor,

For all those who are passionate about health and safety issues, and protecting the environment for future generations, an important process begins next week.

On Tuesday, January 17th (11 a.m. in the council chambers), the Ontario Municipal Board review regarding the proposal to allow the building of a

motor speedway in Fort Erie begins with a pre-hearing that is open to the public.

Zoning by-laws are put in place to protect citizenry and the environment from reckless development, land misuse and pollution. It would be one thing to elect to move near an existing airport and then have the audacity to complain about toxic fumes and the noise of jet engines.

However, in this case, hundreds of families in

Crescent Park and Stevensville chose to live in a quiet, semi-rural area trusting that the enjoyment of their properties would be protected. Instead, our elected officials voted to override our by-laws and create what they are calling a 'Special Policy Area' (code for a means to allow urban expansion across agricultural land) to make way for offshore developers to gut and pave the land, move the creek headwater, violate the wetland and cut

down Carolinian forests.

In exchange for a few part time jobs, the developers will glean their profits while duped residents will be forced to live with dangerous air and noise pollution and foot the bill for the costly infrastructure (estimated to be in excess of \$50 million) they will also demand.

Jarvis Street business owners need to also be aware that the speedway group has included a large retail complex as part of

their plan; which would only serve to drive business to the QEW/Bowen Road intersection and away from downtown Fort Erie.

This would seem to be in direct contradiction with Councillor Passero's promise to bolster activity on Jarvis Street. Incidentally, Mr. Passero is in complete support of the speedway development.

So, to the many, many people who have told me personally of their objections to the speedway

development, I urge you to step up at this crucial stage.

You can learn more by visiting www.ccge.org, the website for the Citizens Coalition of Greater Fort Erie, one of the organizations appealing this development before the OMB. Please also plan to attend the pre-hearing on Tuesday.

Dianne Gillforte
Fort Erie

Speedway is a 'threat' to Niagara

Dear Editor,

Although most residents continue to demand better health facilities, the town of Fort Erie seems determined to welcome into the community a polluting giant, the toxic effects of which could affect the health of residents on both sides of the Niagara River for decades. I refer of course to the proposed motor speedway.

While proponents trumpet their support of auto racing, the public at large continues in blissful ignorance of the very real threat that this endeavour poses to Fort Erie and the whole Niagara area.

In a word: LEAD. Have locals forgotten the pollution of Love Canal? The problems with mercury in the irreplaceable fish stocks? The illnesses and deaths caused by asbestos? Apparently so, because now they are prepared to accept the pollution of our neighbourhoods by lead, one of the most toxic substances known to man. Because of

its extreme danger to health, the Canadian and U.S. governments spent billions of dollars to enforce regulations to remove lead from gasoline. What is little known, however, is that both governments granted an exemption from these regulations to motor sports. The new speedway is expected to operate year-round, depositing toxic lead into the adjacent wetlands. Once there it can poison the flora and fauna, drain into the Niagara River and be carried to Niagara Falls, Niagara-On-The-Lake and all the other communities on both sides of the river.

The deadly effects of lead in the environment have been well documented. Because lead is a chemical element, it never degrades. It is a powerful neurotoxin that can produce behavioral irregularities or permanent mental retardation. While everyone is at risk, lead poses the greatest danger to children, pregnant women and nursing mothers. All pro-lead arguments pale in com-

parison to the need to protect children's mental development. Is any sport worth the possible infliction of physical and mental disease on our unaware and trusting children?

None of this appears to interest the inhabitants of Fort Erie. There is no excuse for this deliberate blindness. Lead's long-term effects have been exhaustively researched and documented which is why governments have acted to ban it. Now Fort Erie welcomes it. This makes no sense at all. The public's health should be the first consideration of our elected officials.

Wake up Niagara! Are you willing to sacrifice the health of your children and of future generations so that a comparatively few people can watch vehicles ride round and round a track? Think about it carefully. Thank you very carefully.

Bill Trench
Fort Erie

Polar Bear Dip a success thanks to many people

Dear Editor,

I want to use this opportunity, behalf of the Crystal Beach BIA, to thank everyone who attended the 3rd Annual Crystal Beach Polar Bear Dip and Chill Challenge.

Our hope as the Crystal Beach BIA was to create a grassroots event that could get the whole town together and raise a little money for charity, and judging by the people there on Saturday I think we're well on our way to doing just that!

Cars were lined up as far as the eye could see. The Bertie Boat Club was rocking 'n' with music, laughs, smiling faces, hot chili, cold drinks and fun loving

polar bear dippers.

A special thanks to the Bertie Boat Club for hosting once again, they've been awesome partners and also to Goran Maljkovic of Sneakers for all the running around that goes into an event like this.

Not to mention the DJ, the photographers, the newsmen, and the volunteers who all donated their time and talents as well as our councillors who came together to judge this years "Chili Kings."

To me, this is what living in this Town is all about, coming together, seeing some old friends, having some fun and doing some good for the community. A perfect example of that this year was Scott

Cooney of Ridgeway, who personally raised almost \$500 by gathering up pledges to support the Crystal Beach soup kitchen. So whether you're a crazy fun loving polar bear, or you think you have what it takes to be crowned next year's Crystal Beach Chili King/Queen, or even someone who would like to personally witness dozens of people voluntarily run into freezing cold water in crazy costumes.... circle Saturday, January 5, 2013 on your calendar!

We hope to see you at the fourth annual Dip!

Phil Smith
Crystal Beach BIA

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Council approves several reports on plans for subdivisions

The majority of the reports considered by council on Thursday night dealt with subdivision projects that could be built through-out Greater Fort Erie.

One of them was the proposed draft plan of the second phase of the Ridgeway Shores development, on the remaining portion of the former golf course that closed its fairways two years ago.

On the south side of Thunder Bay Road, three phases of the Ridgeway-by-the-Lake subdivision have covered the former golf course, but on the north side of the road the remainder of the course is open, where the developer (Rinaldi Homes) hopes to erect some of their products.

In its first application from 2009, it was hoped by

the developer that 83 single detached dwellings lots would form the subdivision, but a revised plan has been submitted for only 79 units.

Also proposed in the plan are 48 multiple attached street townhouse units, one stormwater management block, one parkland block, one environmental wetland and woodland block, two 0.3 metre reserve blocks, one access block to the environmental area, one watercourse block and one daylighting triangle block.

The subject site covers a total of 39.5 acres.

In the staff report approved by council for informational purposes, it is said that the provincial policy statement and the growth plan encourage efficient use of land and intensification throughout the area. The proposed devel-

opment encourages this through a mix of residential dwelling types.

The development would include an overall density range of approximately 12 units per hectare. Adjustments were made by the developer to adhere to regulations enforced by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, such as moving the stormwater pond from the north-west portion of the property to the mid-east part of the plan.

It is estimated that 45 per cent of the plan will remain green space.

Another subdivision that moved further on Monday night was the South Coast Village of Crystal Beach, after council approved a zoning by-law amendment application.

The subject lands sit on

15.8 acres on the east side of Ridgeway Road, south of Graeber Avenue and north of Crystal Beach Drive.

The applicant (Marz Homes) is proposing to develop 179 units through a "block" draft plan of subdivision.

The draft plan includes an extension of Erie Road, a sewer easement, a block for stormwater management, eight blocks of freehold for condominium units and a single detached dwelling lot facing Crystal Beach Drive.

The plan has undergone some slight changes to modify two entrances to one of the blocks. One of the blocks that backs onto the Graeber Avenue lots, has been increased in depth to address some concerns raised by area residents. Currently, the subject lands sit vacant with some scrub vegetation on the site.

Another project

that moved one step closer to being built is the Nigh Road draft plan of subdivision.

Last year, Matthews, Cameron, Heywood Surveying Ltd., on behalf of the applicant (Sergey Kashin) applied to build on 23.5 acres of land located on the south side of Nigh Road, west of Buffalo Road and at the north terminus of Stephens Road.

The original submission requested a permission to build 19 estate residential dwelling lots. After extensive agency consultation, the applicant is now proposing to develop 10 estate residential dwellings on private services.

Council approved the conditions of the draft plan, which will now be circulated to applicable agencies.

A draft plan for subdivision on the south side of Dominion Road, east of Bardol Avenue was extend-

ed on Monday night. This is the Dominion Estates plan of subdivision, which is proposed to include ten lots for single detached dwellings and three blocks for street townhouses.

This extension has been granted after the developer indicated in 2009 that as a result of the economic downturn, it wasn't feasible to service the site until the third quarter of 2010. An extension to the draft plan approval in 2009 to 2011 was permitted.

In late November 2011, the property owner advised of the anticipation that servicing of the site could commence in Spring 2012 and requested another extension of 24 months to provide time to obtain servicing clearances for the site, which was approved by council on Monday.

Read the whole story at www.forterietimes.com

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PUBLIC NOTICE

(1) NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED INCREASE IN BUILDING PERMIT FEES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 7 of the Ontario Building Code Act and Section 1.9.1.2 of the Ontario Regulation 350/06 of the said Act that the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie intends to consider a by-law at its meeting of February 13, 2012 to increase the current building permit fees.

Builders and members of the public are invited to appear before Council at the Public Meeting to be held on: **Monday February 6, 6:00 p.m., 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario** Written submissions will also be accepted by the Clerk up until 3:00 p.m. Friday February 3, 2012.

The proposal is to increase Building Permit Fees by 4.3%. The Objective is to operate closer to cost recovery from permit fee Revenue. The costs of administering and enforcing the Building Code Act is available on the Town's website.

For information regarding Building Permit Fees, please contact Robert Romanuk, Chief Building Official at: (905) 871-1600, Ext. 2515 or rromanuk@forterie.on.ca

Any person interested in appearing before Council as a delegatee at its meeting of February 6, 2012 to address the proposed increase in building permit fees may register with the Clerk's Office by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 2012 by calling 905-871-1600 ext 2236 or 2212.

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Carolyn J. Kelt, Town Clerk
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Crystal Beach couple facing firearms charges

On January 7, the Niagara Regional Police arrested a distraught male in St. Catharines who was armed with a handgun.

The handgun was seized and the No. 1 District Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB) investigated the Provincial Weapons Enforcement Unit to investigate the origins of the firearm.

On January 11, the Provincial Weapons Enforcement Unit with the assistance of the Niagara Regional Police Tactical Unit executed a Criminal Code search warrant at the upper apartment of an address on Ridgeway Road in Crystal Beach.

As a result of the investi-

gation, five firearms were seized. Charged with five counts of Possession of a Firearm Knowing its Possession is Unauthorized under the Criminal Code of Canada and one count of Failing to Report Lost Firearms contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada is a 48-year-old Crystal Beach female.

A second individual, a male from Crystal Beach, has also been charged with one count of Weapons Trafficking contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada.

It is the mandate of the Provincial Weapons Enforcement Unit to identify and take enforcement action against persons involved in the illegal

movement of firearms, ammunition and explosives.

This includes the offences of smuggling, trafficking, and possession of 'crime guns.' The Provincial Weapons Enforcement Unit (PWEU) is a joint force operation with municipal, provincial, and federal police agencies.

Anyone wishing to report incidents of illegal smuggling, trafficking or possession of firearms is encouraged to contact the Provincial Weapons Enforcement Unit at 905-688-4111 ext. 5323.

Information on crimes can also be submitted anonymously using Crime Stoppers of Niagara.

Property owner facing \$15,000 fine

As a result of an investigation from November 2010, the Fort Erie Fire Department (FEFD) has assessed a fine of \$15,000 against the owner of a local property for accumulating an unsafe amount of combustible materials in the home.

During the investigation, the FEFD's public safety officer Doug Atkins observed large quantities of combustible material, sometimes referred to as hoarding, throughout the home.

In many areas, the material was shoulder high and

in close proximity to ignition sources.

Also observed was improper use of extension cords and reduced access to exits.

The order was issued pursuant to the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, after the owner failed to reduce the accumulation of combustible material in the dwelling.

Such accumulation of combustible materials has a direct impact on fire and life safety of the occupants of the dwelling unit, as well as

that of firefighters who would have to wend the address in the event of a fire.

"It is imperative that homeowners and tenants ensure that their home does not contain a fire load of combustible materials that will put anyone in danger as a result of a fire," said FEFD chief Larry Coplen.

The maximum allowable fine for not complying with the order is \$20,000 per day.

Golf in January?



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Local resident Mike Spurek took advantage of this week's mild temperatures by getting in a round of golf on Wednesday at the Fort Erie Golf Club.

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Happy Birthday!



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

On Wednesday, Mr. Lukacs' grade 4/5 split class from St. Philomena Catholic School visited the Fort Erie Railroad Museum to celebrate what would have been Sir John A. MacDonald's 197th birthday. Students performed 'Happy Birthday' on harmonicas and gave a presentation to those who stopped by for the event.



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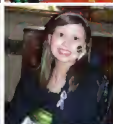
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Gary King, left, with Donna Paterson from the local Salvation Army, getting ready for the Put Food in the Budget Challenge that took place in January.

January

The New Year started with more than 35 residents taking part in the Put Food in the Budget Challenge. The challenge was to only eat non-perishable goods for a week in an effort to raise awareness about people who are in need of nourishing food.

Participants showed there are people who would like to see more help given to those who are in need.

Mayor Doug Martin was declared winner after a recount of votes from the election held in October. A recount occurred because of eight

disputed ballots.

Council also decided it was time to conduct an operational review of various departments within the Town of Fort Erie and a request was sent out to third party firms to complete this review.

February

Roy Pastorius, at 76, hung up his leash after he served 28 years as manager of the local SPCA. Wendy Trombley, who spent 24 years acting as assistant manager, took over for Pastorius.

Controversy was stirred when the Ontario Municipal ruled in favour of the Town's private-

public partnership with the Molinaro Group to build a 12-storey condominium along Bay Beach. But, the project seemed to be crumbling when council later voted to repeal a bylaw that held the project together.

Choice Independent Dental offered the Gift from the Heart

Initiative, where residents in need received free oral care for one day.

The Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual Niagara mayors' luncheon, at Bridgewater Country Club.

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March

The Fort Erie Bicentennial Committee highlighted key events planned for the 200-year anniversary of the War of 1812 which include the Grand Parade scheduled for June this year. The parade will feature 50 military bands and re-enactors from Canada, U.S. and the United

Kingdom.

After falling short the previous year, Big Brothers Big Sisters in Fort Erie exceeded their goal of raising \$40,000 through their Bowl for Kids campaign. It's one of the organization's largest fundraisers which keeps programs for children running throughout

April

Council decided the Point Abino Lighthouse should get a much-needed facelift and invested \$1.4 million to restore the waterfront landmark.

One of Greater Fort Erie's most historic buildings, the Mahoney's Dolls House Gallery had been vacant for more

than a year when council decided to search for cultural, artistic or heritage organizations that may want to operate out of the building located on the Niagara Parkway.

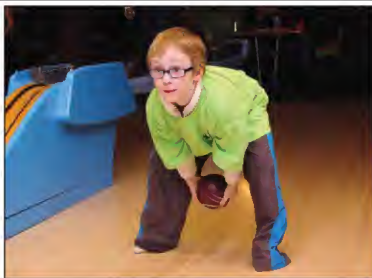
John Pearce, a local hero, was honoured with the prestigious Carnegie Medal for saving a

the year.

The discussion about the Bay Beach condo continued when council sought a second legal opinion about the potential impacts of breaking the contract with the Molinaro Group.

woman from drowning in the Niagara River back in June 2008.

And many residents took part in a royal affair, waking up as early as 4 a.m. to watch Prince William wed Katharine Middleton.



Local resident James Mason was just one of the many who participated in the annual Bowl for Kids Sake event, benefiting the local Big Brothers Big Sisters agency.

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Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School student Hannah Carver and Taylor Beam from the Fort Erie Fire Department, during the school's annual mock crash.

The Bay Beach issue continued when councillors asked to know the price tag the Town will be faced with when defending a statement of claim that was filed over the condo project. Council decided to set a limit of \$50,000 and if the amount was reached, council would have to ap-

prove any additional funds to be used in the municipality's defence.

Former Mayor Wayne Redekop announced his return into the political arena, seeking the New Democratic Party nomination for the upcoming October provincial election.

The foundation was laid for

a \$4.8 million project to build a shared facility between Niagara Emergency Medical Services and Niagara Regional Police on the corner of Gilmore and Thompson Roads.

May

June

Pro BMX rider Will Fished performed a demonstration during the grand opening of the Fort Erie Skatepark. It was a project many local residents have anticipated for almost eight years.

Councillors John Hill, Paul Collard and Don Lubberts faces audit applications be-

cause of discrepancies on their campaign expenses from the October 2010 election. Later in the month, three more applications were filed against Mayor Doug Martin, Stephen Passero and Ward 4 runner-up, Tim Whitfield. One was filed against Coun. Steckley, but an audit did not result from it.

The postal service in Fort Erie was disrupted when members of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers were on lockout after Canada Post closed its doors to it workers. This lockout came about after several days of rotating strikes.

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July

When the Times ran a story about how the local Terry Fox Run could be in jeopardy, Bonnie Harris, a survivor of breast cancer, decided to take matters into her own hands and organize the event. Since 1981, the local event has raised more than \$120,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation.

Despite a Canada Day fire-

works display that never ended up hitting the sky when it was scheduled, the 25th annual Friendship Festival was deemed a huge success thanks to the tireless efforts of volunteers and community groups.

And the Ridgeway Summer Festival was back to its original location on Ridge

Road this summer. It was bigger and better than ever with about 20,000 in attendance.

In an effort to save 200 jobs at Pharmetics, a plant on Jarvis Street that manufactures pharmaceutical products, council agreed to invest \$50,000 to form a task force.

August

About 200 people flooded Town Hall to learn more about the Crystal Beach Gateway Project during a successful open house which gave up-to-date information on the development.

Local rugby player Alex Fairgrieve, 17, travelled to Calgary

and represented Ontario at the Canadian National Rugby Championships in the under-18 division. Her team won the championship.

Kimberly Edwards, founder of Living Pink, raised awareness and funds for cancer research with a fashion show on the

shores of Bay Beach.

Health Minister Deb Matthews decided to appoint a supervisor for the Niagara Health System, saying a lack of public confidence in the Niagara based health care provider.



"Wild Bill" Wilson at the annual Fort Erie Music Fest in Crystal Beach, at Waterfront Park.

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Dean Demizio and Mike Giampolo from the Greater Fort Erie Youth Soccer Club, at the Town of Fort Erie's annual volunteer fair.

To the delight of horse racing fans, legend Sandy Hawley who was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame, visited the Fort Erie Racetrack and greeted hundreds of fans.

The Niagara Health Coalition in partnership with the Ontario Health Coalition held a public meeting where about 50 people gathered to

September

share their concerns about the health system. The information was gathered to supplement information in a report which will evaluate the Hospital Improvement Plan.

Friends of Crystal Beach members were shocked to learn the Town had revoked the organization's bingo license because of a complaint that the organization had been

working outside of its mandate by exercising political opinion on its website.

The first annual We Love Fort Erie Day was hosted by numerous local churches and a variety of free activities were offered throughout the community to inspire good will.

October

Kim Craitor was voted as the provincial representative in the Niagara Falls riding for a third time.

Fort Erie Meals on Wheels held an open house at its new location inside St. Paul's Anglican Church to let everyone

in the community know the service is still an important part of the community.

The Fort Erie Junior B Meteors sported pink Tshirts and hairstyles during a fundraiser for breast cancer research and awareness which raised more

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The operational review which looked into the effectiveness of various departments at Town Hall concluded and found no glaring inefficiencies.

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November

The inquest into the death of Reilly Anzovino was expected to last four long weeks in Welland. The investigators with the Ministry of Health looked into the actions of the paramedics in relation to the death of the Fort Erie teenager and ruled there was a

preventable delay in getting the young woman to the hospital.

Fort Erie native Lee Siegel made his home town proud when he learned he would be travelling to New York in March to continue his role as Simon Zealotes in Jesus

Christ Super Star.

Vic Mealing, who grew up in Crystal Beach passed away from injuries he suffered at the Santa Claus Parade when he was trampled by his horse which was supposed to be a part of the annual holiday spectacle.

December

The Fort Erie Opti-Mrs. Club got the holiday season off to a good start with beautiful Christmas displays at this year's Santa's Fantasy Land at the Opti-mist Hall. Parents brought their children to enjoy the site and to do a little holiday shopping before the big day.

John Fulton, also known as Surfing Santa, once again braved the cold waters of Lake Erie and the Niagara River on his wind surfing rig two days before Christmas to raise awareness about homelessness.

The conversation about the Bay Beach project contin-

ued as councillors agreed to approve the site plan for the large condo project in Crystal Beach.

The inquest into the death of Reilly Anzovino concluded with a five-person panel making 27 recommendations aimed at preventing similar deaths.



John Fulton, also known as 'Surfing Santa' with some of the U.S. border patrol officers who gave him a lift to shore in December.

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This decision follows extensive consultation with federal and state agencies, and was undertaken in light of recognition that the U.S. plaza design requirements – crafted to meet the objectives of the project – caused the overall costs to escalate beyond available funding levels.

"The public has known since last summer that the Expansion Project as originally envisioned would not be proceeding and today's notification officially confirms that fact," said PBA chairman Anthony Annunziata.

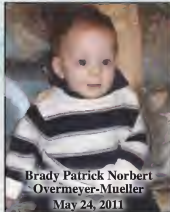
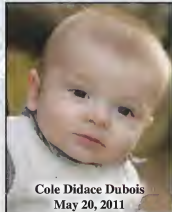
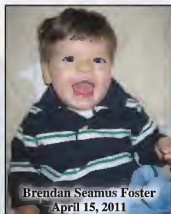
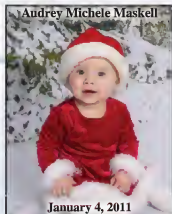
"There remains little doubt though that the current plaza is woefully inadequate and in desperate need of reconfiguration and renovation to meet today's security and processing requirements, as well as to improve aesthetics and environmental conditions."

Many years were spent on the Expansion Project effort, and while its conclusion is disappointing, in this difficult fiscal environment we are fortunate to be positioned to heed Governor Cuomo's recent calls for infrastructure improvement solutions that access what available capital there is, in order to get shovels in the ground and people working immediately," continued chairman Annunziata.

"That is why we view this decision positively, because it allows the Authority to reassess what we can do on our own accord without federal tax dollars to improve the functionality of the plaza for the benefit of the neighborhood and the Buffalo Niagara region as a whole."

In moving forward with much-needed port enhancements, the PBA will undertake a series of operational improvements and construction projects utilizing its own, already secured financial resources. Some of these enhancements may require the acquisition of municipal right-of-way and private property prior to proceeding, though to a far smaller extent than previous expansion project plans. Plaza renovation concepts are currently being reviewed by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and should be available in the near future.

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ZDROJEWSKI, Peter A. - Peter passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday January 10th, 2012 at the Greater Niagara General Hospital in his 76th year. Loving husband of Anna (nee Lane Van Rooy). Proud father of Karen (Jerry) Christie, Carole (Mike) Koffler and Mike Van Rooy. Cherished grandfather of Jennifer, Eric (Dianne), Brandon, and Corey. Sadly missed opa of Oriana, Peyton Mae and Ella, and beloved Great Grandfather of Joseph and Elizabeth. Predeceased by his daughter Rita, his son Michael and his sister Hannah Dobberstein. Peter was a devoted family man. He retired from Fleet as an aircraft assembly fitter and spent time enjoying the water, fishing and boating. An active member of the Fort Erie Gun Club and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Monday from 11 a.m. until the time of service in the chapel at noon. Interment of his cremated remains will follow in McPhee Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the S.P.C.A. or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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Sincerely, The Pring Family

Thank You!

The family of the late **Tom Pepper** wished to express sincere appreciation for the acts of kindness, messages of sympathy and to those who sent flowers and food during our trying time.
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Sincerely, The Pepper Family

In memoriam



Beverly Haines R.N.

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Forever in my heart.
Susan

In loving memory of my dear husband

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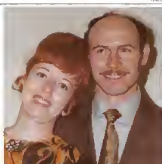
who left me so suddenly 18 years ago
on January 15, 1994.
You left me so suddenly to be
with our Lord and Saviour.
I still miss you and love you.
Your loving wife, Sarah

KY OAKLEY

In memory of a dear father
who passed away January 15, 1989
As time rolls on,
And memories stay,
As near and dear as yesterday,
This day is remembered and quietly kept,
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We will never forget.
Lovingly remembered by
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December 31, 1974 - January 12, 2005
In loving memory of our
son, brother, father and uncle.
Our hearts still ache in sadness,
Our silent tears still flow,
For what it meant to lose you, Lance.
No one will ever know.
Love, Mom & Dad, Mike & Selene,
Jen & Dan, Skylar, Marshall, Nathaniel.



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Since you went to be with the Lord.
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For we know you are happy and at peace.
We know we will see you again one day.
Forever loved, Marion and Kids

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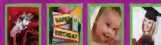
It's been three years.
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St. Luke's Lutheran Church welcomes new pastor

Karen Jenkins is getting settled into the local community.

At the start of the year, the new pastor at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Ridgeway conducted her first service for the local congregation, that has certainly seen its fair share of change over the last few years.

In February 2009, the "little blue church" on Prospect Point Road was devastated with a brutal fire.

About a month ago, the congregation celebrated its 100 years of worship in the local community at its new

building that was completed last year.

Jenkins, who moved to Ridgeway with her husband, from Peterborough, is looking forward to being a part of the uplifting change the church has found itself going through recently.

"I really want to be a part of this journey, rising out of the ashes," said Jenkins, who has been a Lutheran pastor for eight years.

In the brand new building, she hopes it will serve as a venue for many community events held by local organizations or Christian-

based groups.

"We really want to be a warm and welcoming congregation," she said.

Coincidentally, Jenkins is the God mother of the church's former pastor's daughter, who was born in the early 1980's.

Therefore, this isn't the first time she has visited the congregation.

"I used to worship in the old church."

Jenkins looks forward to experiencing the natural beauty of the area, taking advantage of the Friendship Trail and the local water-front.



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Karen Jenkins stands inside St. Luke's Lutheran Church, where she took over as pastor at the beginning of the year.

Getting ready to Bowl for Kids' Sake

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

Put on your shoes, grab your ball and head to Carroll's Bowling Lanes on Klauk Street, because it's time to take part in the 16th annual Bowl For Kids' Sake.

This year, Big Brothers Big Sisters Fort Erie is hoping to raise \$45,000 to help cover the costs of programs for children, says Sondra Barrett, executive director of the local agency.

Barrett says the organization has expanded about 400 per cent in the last few years and Big Brothers Big Sisters now serves 200 children in the Greater Fort Erie Area.

"In our community there has been a decrease in lottery funding which is why this year is more important than ever. There are about 50 children still waiting for a big brother or a big sister or they are waiting for access to school based programs we offer."

Last year, Big Brothers Big Sisters had a goal of raising \$40,000 and they surpassed it. That's why Barrett says she thinks the

new goal this year is attainable.

"This year we're encouraging on-line fundraising for people. It increases our website usage and it's easier for family and friends to make a larger donation."

This year's theme is Disco Fever and everyone is invited to dress up and have lots of fun because the annual event benefits an important cause for the community.

Bowlers can sign up and raise pledges online at www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/forterie. A minimum of \$50 in pledges must be raised to participate and there must be teams of five to six bowlers.

Bowl for Kids' Sake takes place at Carroll's Bowling Lanes on Feb. 25 and 26 and March 3.

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Brick

To people who don't care for their cats and in turn, they wander the neighbourhood and visit other homes that might feed them. I've had a problem with some of them making a mess in my garden lately and I don't appreciate it one bit.

Brick

To whoever steals the cover to my air conditioning unit every year. They even stole my neighbour's! How can you be so desperate to steal such an unusual item from someone's home?

Bouquet

To the Crystal Beach Business Improvement Association, for once again hosting a great annual event. The Crystal Beach Polar Bear Dip and Chili Cookoff has become a wonderful local tradition and I hope it lasts for many more years.

Bouquet

To the War of 1812 bicentennial planning committee and legacy council, along with the Dominion Repertory Theatre for its production of the Lion and the Eagle at the Old Fort. Anyone interested in history should really enjoy it.

Brick

To my neighbour, who I caught putting his trash in front of my driveway on pick-up day. I just find it strange that you can't just leave it in front of your own home. It's not that big of a deal, but it is odd.

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